A message from our principal team

Hello all, (Hola!)

When I sat down to write this fortnights newsletter I had planned the usual recap of “What has been happening?” and “What is going to be happening?” at WPPS. I really do enjoy reflecting on the activities and achievements of our wonderful students through the school newsletter. But then it occurred to me that I haven’t taken time recently to celebrate the wonderful achievements and activities of you, the parents, guardians and partners of the WPPS community. I recently read an educational article about parent engagement and the following quote really stuck in my mind.

‘Family-school and community partnerships are re-defining the boundaries and functions of education. They enlarge parental and community capacity; they create conditions in which children learn more effectively. In these ways they take education beyond the school gates’.

(Muller 2009)

I do believe that a formal education is only one of many ways that children learn and develop. A child’s learning trajectory begins well before they enter our school, and once they are attending school, they continue to learn at home, and in the community.

You, the parents, guardians and partners, play a critical role in providing learning opportunities at home and in linking what our students learn at school with what happens elsewhere. By participating in and providing learning experiences and activities outside the school, you have become an important factor in our students overall learning and educational success.

While there are many obvious benefits of the family-school partnership, in a student’s education, I think the following three examples are the greatest:

Children tend to achieve more, regardless of ethnic or racial background, socioeconomic status, or parents’ education level.

Children generally achieve better grades, test scores, and attendance.

Children have better self-esteem, are more self-disciplined, and show higher aspirations and motivation toward school.

Therefore I want this newsletter message to be firstly one of thanks to each and every parent, guardian and partner of the wider WPPS community. Without your amazing support, from packing a healthy lunch to helping with excursions and in school visit to our school, the students and the teachers wouldn’t have the amazing and positive school culture that we have.

Now onto the what’s happening,

In the last newsletter I listed the events that are fast approaching this term. Please help us celebrate Book week, Literacy & Numeracy week, the father’s Day stall, the Community Family fun day and the Footy Colours day. There is information in this newsletter and on the school website and Facebook page.

Kind regards,

Laban Toose

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

17th—21st  Scholastic Book Fair
24th—28th  Book Week

SEPTEMBER

3rd—4th  Fathers Day Stall
5th  Family Fun Day
14th—18th  Cybersmart Week
18th  Footy Colours Day

Term Dates

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13 JULY TO 18 SEPTEMBER

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**FAMILY FUN DAY**

SATURDAY 5th
Last Term we had a Red Nose Day fundraiser to help raise money for Sid’s and Kids, a charity for baby infants who die at an early age.

Red Nose Day was organised by the school leaders of Wyndham Park Primary School. It took approximately two weeks to plan everything. We would like to thank everyone who donated and participated in the events we hosted.

On the last day of Term 2, we had a special day to celebrate Red Nose Day. Everyone dressed up in red clothes and had crazy hair including the teachers! We would like to thank Saffron Kitchen, our canteen provider, who participated as well and donated red jelly, which was sold for $2 each. Overall, we raised $459.30!

We hope to organise more of these fundraisers later in the year.

Written by Yadana Nang and Ruth Dizon

Toy Donations needed!

On Saturday September 5th the Student Leaders will be organizing a toy sale. If you could donate any toys, old or new, that would be great! A box will be in the office for the donations.

Win Myo (Student Leader)

Fathers Day Raffle

Raffle Tickets are due back by Wednesday 2nd September and the stall will be open Thursday 3rd September where students can buy gifts that range in price from 20c to $5
VOLUNTEER HELPERS NEEDED

If you are available, helpers are needed to make teaching resources.
Tasks include: photocopying, laminating, cutting cards and making games.

EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON
2.10-3.10
Upstairs in the Community Hub
Please come along!
Louise WPPS Community Hub Coordinator

Thank-you
Ms Pyke, Ms Anibaldi and
Ms Pussalle for volunteering
your time!

SEWING CLUB FUN

Every Wednesday

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**WPPS Community Hub - Term Three 2015**

**Saffron Canteen** (help prepare food for school canteen and if eligible gain pre-accredited training in food handling)
Canteen 9.00-2.00 Monday—Wednesday—Friday

**Maternal and Child Health drop-in to nurse**
Mondays 10.00—12.00 27/07 10/08 24/08
Tuesdays 10.00—12.00 4/08 18/08 1/09 15/09
Hub 1 and 2

**Learning Together program** (parent formal English classes to complement Karen playgroup sessions)
Hub 1 and 2
Monday 9.00-12.00

**English Language Class for Adults**
Hub 2
Monday 12.30-3.30
Wednesday 9.00 - 3.30
Friday 9.00 - 12.00

**Learning Club**
Homework assistance for students Prep - Year 6
Hub 1 and 2
Monday 3.15-4.15

**Community Hub Morning Teas**
Hub 1
Tuesday 9.00-9.30

**Kinda Kinder**
Preschool Program 0-5 year
Hub 2
Tuesday 9.30-10.30

**Chin/Burmese playgroup**
Hub 2
Tuesday 10.00 - 12.00

**Karen Language Learning Club**
Support for reading, writing and speaking Karen
Hub 1 and 2
Tuesday 3.15-4.15

**English Conversation playgroup**
Adults learn English in supported play sessions with their pre-school children
Hub 1
Friday 9.30-11.30

**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN WERRIBEE?**

**Guiding Children’s Behaviour Information Session**
Early Childhood Management Services (ECMS) in partnership with Wyndham City Council welcome all families to attend this free information session on “Guiding children’s behaviour”. In this session, Dr Louise Porter will advocate for a guidance approach to children’s behaviour. This method teaches children to manage their emotions and impulses. The session will also describe how to safeguard children’s self-esteem by acknowledging their achievements and supporting their development.

**Date:** Tuesday 18 August

**Time:** Arrive 6.45pm for 7pm start

**Venue:** Italian Sports Club of Werribee - 601 Heaths Rd, Werribee

**Admission:** Free


**Enquiries:** Contact Eva Brennan at [ebrennan@ecms.org.au](mailto:ebrennan@ecms.org.au)

**Spark of Hope**

Spark of Hope offers personal development and confidence building activities for individuals, small groups and families using horses and ponies. All activities are free but bookings are essential. For more information on Spark of Hope, check out our website: [www.sparkofhope.org.au](http://www.sparkofhope.org.au) or send an email to [sparkofhope@bigpond.com](mailto:sparkofhope@bigpond.com)
COME AND HELP US CELEBRATE

What: Shared Lunch and Numeracy Games afternoon for
National Literacy and Numeracy Week!

Where: Wyndham Park Primary School

When: Tuesday 1st September

Time:
Lunch 1:30pm
Numeracy Games Afternoon 2:10pm in your child’s classroom

Wyndham Park Primary School
Community Aspirations

I am a country girl. Growing up on a dairy farm in a small town called ‘Girgarre’, which is located between Echuca & Shepparton. I am the oldest of 6 children with, a mum and dad, 2 brothers & 3 sisters.

I enjoy teaching because I love to share my wealth of information with students. Touching the minds and hearts of all different students, no matter how they learn. I believe we all learn differently and that we need to cater for all different learning needs. I thoroughly enjoy teaching Physical Education, I believe it is a great way to learn new skills, make friends and train for different sporting events.

Miss Fiona Pyke
Physical Education Teacher

I would like for my kids to do whatever they like, for example a career in medicine or graphic design and to be able to study locally. Also for them to be part of the community and volunteer, to use their skills.

Karla, mother of Lilyana Prep
CHILLING OUT

We have a great new area in our playground called Chill Hill. Students designed it as a quiet area where you can just ‘chill’, cuddle a soft toy, do nothing, read a book or talk with friends.

Family Fun Spanish Afternoon

Wednesday 2nd September
3.30pm – 4.30pm

Would you like to learn some Spanish?
How do you say hello in Spanish?
Can you count in Spanish?

Come along with your family and meet Ms Romero for a fun filled Spanish lesson.

Please detach and return to your teacher   Name: ...........................

-------- YES we would like to attend the Family Fun Spanish Afternoon

If YES how many people will be attending with you?  ....................

.......... NO we will not be attending the Family Fun Spanish Afternoon
Canteen is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for a delicious morning snack and lunch all for $5.00 you can print our menu from the school website.

CONTACT US

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COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING – COSMIC LIGHT BEAM TORCH RECALL

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards, the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously requested a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item by sending a note with their child’s banking specifying their chosen replacement reward.

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clk2sell – the fastest way to buy and sell your kid’s school uniforms.

Just snap a photo of your items, then with one click they’re uploaded to a streamlined marketplace. Plus there are no listing payment hassles – it’s all FREE.

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